

House Resolution 1491

By: Representatives Ramsey of the 72nd, Fludd of the 66th, and Yates of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Coach Jim Bailey; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, it all began in Bremen, Georgia in the early 1970's when a young Jim Bailey
3 wrestled in the 185 pound division for Bremen High School; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he performed well on the mats, placing third in the 1973 state meets, and fell
5 in love with the sport; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he went on to wrestle for three seasons with the University of Georgia, but
7 found his greatest success as a coach; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after college he worked for several school systems in south Georgia, none of
9 them with a wrestling program; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he finally got a chance to coach wrestling when he became an assistant at
11 Fayette County in the mid-1980's; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he took over as head coach in 1989, and quickly turned Fayette County into one
13 of the top programs, and with the four victories his Tigers secured recently in Area 2-AAAA
14 duals tournament it pushed his career wins to 302; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the 300 win milestone turns heads in wrestling circles because to reach 300, a
16 coach must consistently win over a long period of time, and Coach Bailey's teams have
17 almost always finished in the state's top 15, capturing four region titles and placing dozens
18 of wrestlers in the high rounds of state championship tournaments; and
- 19 WHEREAS, one of the highlights of his coaching career was coaching his sons, Jonathan and
20 Jarrod; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Bailey has exerted a positive influence on thousands of young athletes
2 over the span of his career; and

3 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this indefatigable champion for the youth of his
4 community be recognized and commended.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body recognize and commend Coach Jim Bailey for his many
7 contributions to his community and the state.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach Jim Bailey.